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Editorial

OUR COVER PICTURE

The photograph on our cover this month is of Heber James Brown on his pinto stallion, Phlagg. Isn't it a lovely picture — the contrast of flashy pinto markings against the flower-covered hillside. It made us think of spring.

And spring made us think of a STALLION ISSUE for the TRAIL BLAZER. With your cooperation, we will feature local stallions in our next issue.

Last year, one of our members asked me if I knew of a nearby Thoroughbred stallion to which she could breed her mare. There were two within a couple of miles of that member's house — yet she didn't know of them.

There are no doubt many of our members who send their mares away for breeding because they are unfamiliar with the breeding stock available in our area. There are no doubt many other mare owners who would breed their mares if a good local stallion was brought to their attention.

Why not run an ad on your stallion in the next issue of the TRAIL BLAZER! If you only secured one breeding through your ad, you would multiply your investment many times, for an ad in our publication costs only \$2.75 a column inch. Contact our Advertising Manager, Don Schwimley, today. His address and telephone numbers appear in the masthead on this page.

In case you don't know Heber James Brown, the gentleman on our cover, he has been an active member on our Trails Committee the past year. You'll see more of him this year, for he has just been appointed chairman of the Membership Committee.

BLANCHE PAUL, Editor.

GET YOUR STALLION'S PICTURE ON OUR COVER

The first six stallion owners who contract for an ad in the March issue of the TRAIL BLAZER, and provide us with a good glossy print or negative of their stallion, will have the pleasure of seeing their stallion's picture on our cover next month. Such publicity alone is worth more than the price of an advertisement. Contact our Advertising Manager, Don Schwimley, for further information.

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NEXT BOARD MEETING

Date: Thursday, February 5, 1948
Time: 8 p.m.
Place: 6238 College Avenue

CHAIRMEN APPOINTED FOR 1948



Ted Dreyer, our new MHA president, has announced the following list of chairmen and the work for which they will be responsible for the coming year.

Activities

ART PALMER, Chairman

This committee will be in charge of all activities of the Metropolitan Horsemen, except the Horse Show, Wild West Show, and Junior Activities. It will prepare a schedule of activities with dates, etc., to be approved by the Board of Directors.

Finance Committee

DON MARQUIS, Chairman

To prepare a budget (which will indicate the number of new members required), approve all bills and supervise budget to see that each Committee stays within its budget.

Horse Show Committee

The following Committee of our Directors is to make a survey of our coming Horse Show, with recommendations to our Directors for decision as to the type and kind of Show, date, events, place, manager, etc. This Committee may call in outside counsel should they so desire. The Committee will select its own chairman. Members of present Directors to serve are: Roy Fefley, Irvin Hansen, Charles A. Logue, Don Marquis, Jim Myers, and Don Schwimley.

Host Committee

ROY FEFLEY, Chairman

To cooperate with other horsemen and associations in arranging entertainment and rides in our area.

Humane Committee

JOHN L. CORVI, Chairman

To cooperate with all parties concerned in the prevention of cruelty to horses in this area.

Junior Activities

R. CHRIS HANSEN, Chairman

To sponsor special activities for our Junior members and act as their representative on the Board. (Last year we had 120 juniors under 16 years of age).

Membership

HEBER JAMES BROWN, Chairman

This Committee will be in charge of the renewal of memberships and securing new members. The minimum number of members this year is to be based on the budget printed by the Finance Committee and approved by the Board.

Public Relations

JIM MYERS, Chairman

Besides his duties as vice-president this year, Jim Myers will head the Public Relations committee. This committee will have charge of Public Relations, Newspaper Publicity, and will contact city and county officials and the public in general. It is to assist all other committees in attaining their objectives. Also, specifically, it is to work with the Park Department, and the completion of stables, ~~ride~~ and clubroom for horsemen in the park.

Trails

A. B. GRAHAM, Chairman

To be in charge of repairing, and building, naming and posting new trails.

Trail Blazer

BLANCHE PAUL, Managing Editor

To have charge of procuring of news, writing editorials and special articles, editing copy, planning layout, proof-reading, and so forth of our monthly publication, the TRAIL BLAZER.

BILL PRAY, Business Manager

To be in full charge of finances, setting policy as to the size of each issue, collection of delinquent bills, approving all expenses, and assisting in publishing of the TRAIL BLAZER.

DON SCHWIMLEY, Advertising Manager

To be in full charge of selling space in the TRAIL BLAZER. Writing up ads, and helping with layout. Delinquent accounts to be handled by Business Manager.

CHARLES A. LOGUE
Official Photographer

To collect file of pictures for TRAIL BLAZER, take special pictures when needed and help plan front cover.

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IRVIN HANSEN, Chairman

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The appeal for information concerning members who have not been receiving the TRAIL BLAZER brought forth quite a response. With your help, we have been able to send the Blazer to the correct addresses. Thank you.

49'er Dance: I have received a letter from the Concord-Mt. Diablo Trail Ride Association inviting us to a rip-roaring 49'er Dance to be held Saturday, February 7th, 8:00 p.m., at the Odd Fellows' Hall in Concord, honoring State President Warren Richardson, Regional Vice-President Don Nicholson, CSHA, and the new Trail Ride President Lloyd A. Martinelli. Admission will be \$1.00 per person. There will be gate prizes, games, square dancing, and entertainment featuring (believe it or not!) Can-Can Girls! Boots, jeans or club uniforms will be very much at home in the Dance Hall. If you have them, wear them, but leave your shootin' irons at home.

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M. H. A. Activities

HORSE SHOW BOARD RESIGNS

A letter from Frank Colbourn, chairman of the Horse Show Board of Directors, to our president, Ted Dreyer, announced the resignation of that Board as of December 31, 1947.

The resignation was accepted by the MHA Board of Directors at their January meeting, and a resolution passed that the Horse Show Board be given a vote of thanks for their untiring efforts in behalf of our organization in the years past.

Members of the Horse Show Board have given generously of both their time and money, and we expect to take full advantage of their valuable experience in the future.

The following were members of the Horse Show Board: Fred Anderson, Tom Bacon, Archie Brown, Frank Colbourn, John Manners, Don Marquis, William Maxfield, Warren Richardson, Howard Robinson, Ted Sibert, Donzel Watson, and Kent Weaver.

In the future our Horse Shows will be handled by a committee formed from members of the MHA Board of Directors as they were previous to the time that the Horse Show Board was set up as a separate entity.

HIGHLIGHTS OF BOARD MEETING

The January meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the Rancho San Antonio. Ted Dreyer combined business with pleasure by providing a fine supper following the business discussion. Floyd Jacobs, one of the Shrine Rangers, prepared the food.

Roll call revealed two directors, Art Palmer and Roy Fefley, absent. Mary Gale reported a total of \$324.13 in the General Fund.

For the first time since the TRAIL BLAZER has been printed, it was necessary for the TRAIL BLAZER account to borrow \$66.05 from the General Fund to pay printing costs. To avoid further reports in the red, Bill Pray will immediately go to work collecting the delinquent advertising accounts totaling \$535.00.

Mr. Dreyer reported on the work done last year by the Trails Committee in connection with the Master State Riding and Hiking Trail. He suggested that at the end of the year each chairman give the Secretary a report of the accomplishments of his committee which can be turned over to new chairmen coming in the following year.

THE SURPRISE BREAKFAST RIDE

The Surprise Breakfast which was given for members who brought five or more new members into MHA last fall was a huge success. Membership Chairman, Mrs. Clarence Simons and Don Marquis made arrangements.

The Group met at the Crossroads on horseback, rode through Tom Bacon's property with the first stop-over at Mr. Bacon's delightful rumpus room, where George Walling, acting as bartender, served sparkling champagne.

Archie Brown's home was the next stop. Here the guests found that Virginia and Opal had tables attractively arranged, and a fire glowing in the barbecue pit. After more champagne a delicious breakfast was served by Kay Walling, Lucille Simons and Virginia Brown.

Thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bacon, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Parrish, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Brown and Opal for all they did to make this such a delightful affair.

All present took their hats off to Lucille Simons for sponsoring the breakfast and hope there'll be more just like it.

PAST PRESIDENTS ENTERTAINED

Ted Dreyer, president of the Metropolitan Horsemen's Association, entertained past presidents of the organization at a luncheon at the Athens Club, January 2.

Those able to be present were: G. Howard Robinson, Harold Knudsen, Fred Anderson, and Frank Colbourn. Bert Fernhoff and Don Marquis had planned to attend but were prevented at the last minute by business. Jim Myers, our new vice-president, was also present.

The main discussion, of course, was our organization, the MHA. The former presidents offered their wholehearted cooperation to the newly elected officers and the association as a whole.

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REGIONAL MEETING

The first meeting of the California State Horsemen's Association Region No. 5 was held at Don and Ann's on Monday evening, January 5, 1948.

Don Nicholson, Vice-President for Region No. 5, introduced the guests of the evening which proved to be Ray Stone, Secretary for CSHA, Tevis Paine, Treasurer for CSHA, and Mr. Earle Henley of Department of Natural Resources for State of California and Warren Richardson, CSHA President.

The attendance for this first meeting was good considering the fact that it was held so close to the holidays. Groups represented were: Aahmes Shrine Rangers, Arlington Hills Riding Club, Concord Mt. Diablo Trail Ride Ass'n., Castro Valley Horsemen's Association, Contra Costa County Horsemen's Association, East Contra Costa Horsemen's Association, Frontier Boys, Martinez Horsemen's Association, Contra Costa County Sheriff's Posse, Lari-ettes, and Metropolitan Horsemen's Association.

The paramount issue of the evening was the Master State Trail and how it is to be connected with Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. George Cardinet, Jr., spoke briefly on the trail in Contra Costa County and Ted Dreyer, past MHA Trails Committee Chairman, gave a comprehensive statement on the trail system in Oakland and the progress made this past year.

Don Nicholson then introduced Warren Richardson, CSHA President. Mr. Richardson pointed out the fact that there are few trails in Southern California which compare with the Metropolitan and San Francisco areas and that every advantage should be taken to use the trails. Also that California is fast becoming the greatest "horse" state in the U.S.A.

Ray Stone told of the progress made in the State Bulletin which is now issued by the individual associations in CSHA and that at present the circulation is 14,000. One important factor pointed out is that if any one association would like to have their club news printed in the Bulletin and can secure ads to cover the cost of printing, a satisfactory arrangement can be made.

John Miller, representing Contra Costa Horsemen's Association, spoke briefly on the trail work in the county and the feeder

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SADDLE SHOP BACK IN TOWN

Earl Nanninga has moved his saddle shop back to Oakland, and is open for business at 4745 Mountain Blvd. He invites all horsemen to visit his shop where he is equipped to turn out fine custom made saddles and all other types of custom made western gear.

His ad appears on page 6.

Membership News

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

January Additions — this list includes memberships received up to and including January 10th.

RENEWALS

Mrs. Jack Abel	Walter Burpee
Mrs. Edson Adams	Elsye M. Burrows
Dr. E. Allen	Fred Burrows
Mrs. E. Allen	Betty Chute
Dr. Howard Allen	Mrs. Harold Coop
Mrs. Jack Baughman	Ashley Corvi
Barbara Bechtel	Cornelia Cress
A. K. Beckley	Carmelita Cummins
Emmett Boger	Harold Cummins
Eula Boger	Arthur Denton
Margo Brewer	Mrs. Arthur Denton
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Floyd Galbraith	Roy W. Morris
Donald B. Gratton	Mrs. James Myers
Charles W. Gray	Hugh McIntyre
Mrs. Juanita Gray	Adrian Palmquist
Dorothy Gross	Janet Pray
Emil Hagstrom	G. Stewart Paul
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Norma Hansen	Sheldon E. Potter
Ed Hedges	Lila E. Ray
C. W. Hibbard	Jack Richards
Mary Lou Hutton	Mary Richards
Russell Ivy	G. Howard Robinson
Floyd Jacobs	Charles Rochi
Jerald Jacobs	Helen Rochi
Margaret Johnson	Lavelle Rockwell
Claire Johnston	Dr. J. Elliott Royer
Elaine Johnston	Bea Schwimley
Kathryn L. Jones	Bill Senecal
Dorothy Kaehler	Shea & Poston Saddlery
F. P. Keen	Clarence Simons
J. S. Killam	Jack Simons
Mrs. E. La Boyteaux	Lucille Simons
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Flossie Lejeal	Albert M. Upton
Hugh Lejeal	Erna Van Den Berg
Andrew J. Leonhardt	Robert Van Den Berg
Nat Levy	Sylvia Watt
A. E. Little	A. S. Weaver
Hap Magee	Kent Weaver
Loretta Maxfield	J. W. Welsh
William M. Maxfield	Irene White
Frank Matulovich	Thomas Whittle
Joe Medaglia	Bert L. York

NEW MEMBERS

Robert G. Abbey	Larry Lovier
H. Lee Fowler, Jr.	Mrs. Sam Malizia
James Kay	Mrs. A. R. Palmer
Ardel Kay	James G. Wheeler
Marzelle Leidsen	

JUNIORS

Donald Allen	Mary Clare Fefley
Linda Lee Allen	John W. Fefley
Sally Allen	Royanne Fefley
Karen Anderson	Joyce Galeno
Donald Bjornson	May Howard
Adolph Bleiler	Rick Kraemer
Norma Burnside	Joanne Kay
William Charette, Jr.	Kathleen Kay
Barbara Campbell	Charlotte Lochner
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Nancy Davenport	Tom McEneamy III
Sheila Derieg	Marlene Plaga
Don Donlon	Windy Smith
May Donaldson	Rae Deane Spaulding
Don Dreyer	Joyce Williams
Leo Dreyer	

TRAIL DONATIONS

When sending in their dues, the following members also included a contribution to the Trail Fund:

Mrs. Jack Abel	Rick Kraemer
Mrs. Edson Adams	Flossie Lejeal
Margo Brewer	Hugh Lejeal
William Charette, Jr.	Andrew Leonhardt
Arthur Denton	Linda Lorimer
Mrs. Arthur Denton	Frank Matulovich
Charles Gray	Priscilla Meyer
Floyd Jacobs	Ray Morris
Jerald Jacobs	James Myers
Dorothy Kaehler	George C. Wagner
F. P. Keen	James W. Welsh
J. S. Killam	

INTRODUCING NEW MEMBERS

James and Ardel Kay are among our newest members. They stable their horses with Heber Brown. We hope to see much of the jolly Kays on the coming picnics and rides.

Larry Lovier has a privately owned stable in Castro Valley which houses his four horses — a Palomino, Pinto, Saddlebred and an Arabian. Larry is an ardent Western rider with a yen for Fine Harness Horses. Larry is also a member of the Castro Valley Horsemen's Association and rides with the Alameda County Sheriff's Posse.

Mrs. Sam Malizia from San Francisco owns the American Saddlebred Stallion—Montrose Currah—by Adorable Devil out of Modoc McDonald. He is being trained by Earl Farshler of Livermore and Mrs. Malizia plans to show him this season. Mrs. Malizia also owns a Thoroughbred who will start his racing career next season.

Lee Fowler, Jr., of Berkeley, who has owned horses for fifteen years, now has three horses—a four year old Quarter Horse type mare, a Thoroughbred combination jumper and stock horse, and his favorite, a registered Thoroughbred mare.

Lee stables his horses on his own seven acre farm. He rides in Tilden Park.

Caesar Vasco is looking forward to a new arrival — his lovely Hambletonian mare will have a colt in July by Jack Tann's Arabian. The Vasco's also have a nice Quarter horse colt. The horses are kept in a nice stable on the Vasco property on Noyo street.

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"Stall"-ing Around

With The Roving Reporters

AT CRESSMOUNT

Cressmount extends an invitation to all horsemen to attend the Riders' Rally to be held at Mills College, February 27, at 8 p.m.

Door prizes will be given . . . short films entertaining to both flat saddle and western riders will be shown . . . horsemen's favorite articles will be raffled . . . and refreshments served to all. Plan to come.

The 10th Annual Holiday Matinee was held on January 4, and proved to be one of the most popular shows on the Cressmount Circuit.

Special guests at the Matinee included General and Mrs. J. R. N. Weaver, Presidio of San Francisco, and Miss Ann Clark, daughter of General Mark Clark. Miss Cornelia Cress honored her guests at a lovely supper after the show.

The show itself was all in the spirit of fun and ring officials were attired in comical costumes to set the pace for the events.

In the Point-to-Point event, over an imaginary hunting field, the jumps were copies of famous jumps used in other days. Several of the names of the horses, riders and the hunts which they represented were authentic, others were fictitious.

Before the event, horses and riders paraded before the audience and the audience bid on their favorite horse. Winner of the event was Badminton ridden by Duke of Beaufort, representing the Beaufort Hunt. Mr. Schetter won first money.

The second event, Musical Stalls, was won by Jack Reim riding Kyack; Alice Dewey riding Alex, second; Windy Smith, riding Timberline, third; Barty Bates riding Adobe, fourth.

Saddle Horses, Pairs, was a costume event won by Janet and Joyce Moore garbed as Arabs; Sue Allen and Patsy Nuttall won second as Mexicans; Sally Allen and Sandra Logue won third as Polo Players, and Dorothy Gross and Charlotte Lochner won fourth as Russians.

Judges Dilemma, open to boarders at Cressmount, found Sandra Logue taking 1st place in the English Division and Barbara Bechtel winning in the Western Division.

Fathers Class was won by Dad Carrington; Dad Mesquita took second; Dad Ogilvie, third; and Dad Fairchild, fourth.

Ladies' Equitation class was open to those who had never been ladies before. First place went to Mme. Abdulla (Don Marquis); second to Betty Grable (Willis Nuttall); third to Don Schwimley; and fourth to Bud Bohnson.

The "ladies" spent lots of thought on their costumes. Mme. Abdulla's Arabian costume was authentic. Betty Grable rode a side saddle and looked quite elegant. Don Schwimley's long red hair and natty "cubbing" outfit were very correct, and the tall lady in the gray raincoat really fooled the judges when they tried to date her up.

Musical Kegs, open to the Subalterns, a newly formed group, was won by Beverly Hastings on Rabbi.

The entire show was fun from start to finish and much credit is due members who decorated the Umbrella, furnished the food, and planned an afternoon of such diversified entertainment.

AT THE PIEDMONT STABLES

The Piedmont Stables held their annual Christmas party in the Regional Park Clubhouse, on Friday preceding the Holiday. There were about forty guests present and at eleven o'clock Old Saint Nick helped the members exchange gifts while everyone joined in the singing which was led by Don Marquis, assisted by Jim Black and Don Schwimley. The opening of the gifts and the singing was followed by plenty to eat and drink, after which dancing continued until the wee hours.

Dr. Howard Allen recently bought a sorrel filly from Bob Cantrell of Reno, Nevada, and she is now being handled at the stable. She has the makings of a "tip top" saddle horse, and, incidentally, is a good match for Sales Tax, Linda Allen's little sorrel horse. These two may be future ribbon winners in some of our pairs classes this year.

Nate Fairbairn has just returned from a trip to New York, and he says he will be out riding his high schooled horse, Bobby, before long.

Bill Finnesey, formerly of Oakland, who is now an agent for the Lee Overall Company in Salt Lake City, was here for Xmas.

PLEASE SEND ALL STABLE AND CLUB NEWS TO
ELIZABETH FRAMPTON, 1948 NEWS EDITOR

AT THE PRIVATE STABLES

Winter has cast its mantle over the private stables of Oakland, but there are still little flurries of activity here and there. The Jack Tanns have named their little purebred Arabian filly which was foaled last August. She is being registered as Ghazica as she was sired by Ghaznas, and is out of the good mare Monica.

Bob Rolly who stables his horse Wasco with the Tanns has sold him to Eloise Beauchamp, and she has been enjoying him during the nice weather we have had this winter.

Ed Hedges has sold his chestnut gelding and bought a handsome piebald named Kokomo Joe. Koki, as he is called, stands fifteen hands. He lives in a nice box stall and has a sunny paddock in which to relax when he is not carrying his owner over the trails.

Mr. A. B. Graham is now the happy owner of a beautiful new horse. This is the horse he has been looking for these past few months. The horse's name is Denny and he is a magnificent, registered dark chestnut Saddlebred out of Noblette by Hytone Denmark. Hytone Denmark was brought from Kentucky and is the sire of such show horses as the famous SunDown and Winona Dream Girl. He is also the sire of Jimmy Kempthorne's fiery pleasure horse, Walk Away.

Hampton Ford has just bought a bright golden chestnut gelding named Christopher Odin McDonald, which stands sixteen one. He is by the registered Saddlebred stallion Odin McDonald and out of a registered Thoroughbred mare.

Don and Osa Ruttan are riding regularly, Mrs. Ruttan, the former Osa Bergk, on her Saddlebred, Highland Boy, and Don on Noni Nichols' sorrel gelding, Bill. The Rutans were married in November.

AT THE OAKLAND STABLE

The Oakland's Thursday night class celebrated the Holiday season with a Christmas party. A good time was had by all.

Ed and Phyl Hill, are boarding their recently purchased bay gelding, Toby, at this stable.

Bobby DeVelbiss, owner of the golden chestnut Walking horse, Buddy, just returned from the Annual National Fox Hunt in Columbus, Mississippi. Bobby spent a very damp week riding to the hounds.

Wolf, the barn dog, is the proud father of thirteen puppies. "Dig", one of them, now helps Wolf guard the barn.

The Girl Scouts and the Saturday classes had a Christmas party during the Holidays. Cake and hot chocolate were served, and motion pictures of the groups were shown. The camera is a recent purchase to help the students with their riding.

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AT THE CROSSROADS

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WITH THE BOOTS & JEANS CLUB

The Boots and Jeans Club held their Christmas party at the Sequoia Lodge, December 17th. It was attended by all the members.

Santa Claus came in with presents for all, and a swell Turkey dinner with all the trimmings was served by head Chef White Deuel, assisted by Lillian Deuel, Dutch Cummings, Babe Lampton, Marge Tobey, Dottie Bowers and Ginger Bigelow. Dancing, games and prizes made the evening a huge success.

A Hard Times Party was the main event for the month of January. Music, games, prizes, dancing and refreshments were enjoyed as usual.

Yes, the date has been set for the Annual Boots and Jeans Dance. It will be held at The Big Bear Tavern Wednesday evening, February the eighteenth.

AT THE PINTO RANCH

The newest addition at the Pinto Ranch is a saddle shop. Don Bentley and Dave Silva have a complete line of horse equipment along with a shop fixed to turn out the finest in custom built saddles.

Ethel Alberts' Christmas present was a sparkling new pinto mare, Lady. She came equipped with a new saddle too. Husband Louie was the Santa Claus.

Tony Brigla of the Hotel Clark Palomino Club purchased a dandy Palomino stallion. He is a three-year-old and will be stabled at the Pinto Ranch this winter for Harold Cummins to train.

Frank Field is now the owner of Cricket, a nice little bay mare formerly owned by Ken Weyburn. Ken has a colt out of her by a pure bred Arab stallion. The colt is a three-year-old and is to be Ken's new saddle horse.

R. E. Monson is a new arrival at the Ranch. He has a good brown gelding that he has just started to ride.

Another new arrival is G. W. Poe from Phoenix, Arizona. His mount is a fine big sorrel gelding with a blazed face — is a good road horse and a well-trained stock horse.

Edward C. Tolman has purchased the good Saddlebred gelding, Vagabond Weeks, a well-made three-gaited pleasure horse.

Jim Heal has a new calf roping horse, a smooth little registered Quarter Horse gelding. Jim bought him at Patagonia, Arizona, the home ranch of the Green Cattle Co.

Things have surely been popping around the Ranch. During the holidays, the gang around the Ranch celebrated with a bang-up New Year's party, a reception party for Meredith Harris and Russ Burgess's forthcoming wedding, an anniversary party for Bob and Betty Phillips, a baby shower for Virginia Patten, and the opening of the new saddle shop.

Junior Activities

JUNIOR NEWS

May Donaldson's Palomino stallion, named Cheyenne, is kept at the Donaldson Stable, which is owned by her grandfather. Cheyenne is just eighteen months old and his mistress is busy teaching him saddle horse manners.

Don Donlon rides his brown and white pinto gelding, Reno, several times each week. Reno is of Thoroughbred breeding and is stabled at the Pinto Ranch.

Lee Older has a new colt nine months old. He is a Thoroughbred, eligible for registration, a beautiful chestnut with four white stockings. As yet Lee hasn't received the papers from the Jockey Club, so she doesn't know which of the names submitted has been chosen for her colt.

Lee's old favorite Laddie, a Palomino gelding is at Dr. Whitten's ranch near Alturas. Lee is going to keep him there for the time being and go up to ride him during vacations.

Jan Cole owns a nice sorrel mare named Sally. She is stabled at the Cole ranch in Sunol. Jan rides every weekend.

Corrine Smith has a new horse of her very own. He is Bengal Tiger, the handsome chestnut gelding which formerly belonged to Jack Green. Benny is five years old and was sired by Filoli Chief, by Chief of Longview, and out of the fine show mare I Go, by Kentucky Moonshine, by Guided By Love. Benny won second when shown in harness as a two-year-old and last year won first in Park Hacks in the Mills College Show.

PEGASUS PATROL

The youngest riding group at Cressmount is Pegasus Patrol. These riders are all under thirteen years of age, but have proven their ability in the saddle on many occasions. The Patrollers are starting the year off with a new program of events. The sixteen riders want to include more trail riding, drill, and equitation in their activities. Several of them have started jumping, and as soon as the legs of the remaining riders stretch a bit, they too will join the jumping class. A bi-monthly gymkhana is a set event. Small trophies, donated by the stable, are presented to the winners, and refreshments are served by the mothers.

INTRODUCING JUNIOR MEMBERS

This month we have eight new junior members. George Hundrick, Jr., rides privately owned horses in the Lafayette and Woodminster region. Although George hasn't a horse of his own, he has all the tack and equipment necessary. He also has an extensive library of books on horses dealing with breeding, training, etc. George hopes to major in Animal Husbandry at Davis or Santa Barbara and eventually branch off into horse breeding as a business.

From the Fefley family, we have three juniors—Royanne, Mary Clair and John. They do their riding from the Green Barn and enjoy the trails in Redwood Park. John the youngest, has a trustworthy steed, but his sisters still keep a close eye on him.

Clark and Phebe Brown have their own stable near Lake Temescal and ride in Tilden Park. Clark, eleven, has a roan mare from North Dakota and Phebe has a pinto mare named Sunbeam, purchased from Fleet Medlin. Both juniors have been riding about four years.

Kathleen and Joan Kay have been riding about two years. They stable with Heber James Brown near Temescal. Joan rode in the Arlington Horse Show last year and placed second in the Junior Stock Class. Kay also is an ardent rider.

SUBALTERN'S GROUP AT CRESSMOUNT

The newest group at Cressmount is the SUBALTERN'S. As the name implies, the members are striving to reach the top, which, of course, is Shongehon. The SUBALTERN'S made their first public appearance at the Holiday Matinee in a fast game of Musical Kegs. There is no age limit and membership is open to the more experienced riders of the school. It will be noted that several of the members are also in Pegasus Patrol. Most of the members have taken jumping which means that "cubbing", as well as advanced equitation in the ring, will be included in their activities.

The following are charter members: Karen Anderson, Louise Boulby, Happy Clements, Ann Conwell, Peggy Day, Sheila Derieg, Carol DeVilbiss, Beverly Hastings, Ann Husar, Linda Lorimer, Linnell Powers, Vandra and Wilda Rosendahl, Mary Rothney, Jo Ann Schetter and Janet Scott.

Officers have not been chosen as yet, but we will be hearing more about this lively group at a later date.

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INTRODUCING NEW MEMBERS

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The two boys, ages 4 and 11, will start riding this summer. Although Ceasar works for himself, he says he's too busy to ride right now but hopes to ride a lot this summer.

George M. Glendenning of Concord is a well-known Western judge and participates in the judging at many shows. Mr. Glendenning was founder of the Pinto Horse Society and is now acting as Secretary. He has several fine Pinto horses of his own. We see him around at a lot of the meetings where he is usually busy talking to interested listeners.

REGIONAL MEETING

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system. A committee was appointed to look into the trail system and report to the Region No. 5 giving all information and it's recommendations. This committee is comprised of: Clarence Simons, Ted Dreyer, Edward S. Carey, Bill Noia, A. B. Graham, Jack Richards and George Walling.

Warren Richardson spoke on problems confronting CSHA and touched briefly on the horse show situation — one emphatic recommendation Mr. Richardson made was that the names of the judges be included in the classification list. Also, that there is a great need for reorganization in the various divisions of the horse show programs, especially in breeding classes. Another important point stressed was the need for more Junior Shows—put on by Juniors for Juniors.

Mr. Stone asked that any changes in the 1948 officers please be sent to him in order to have an up-to-date directory. George Cardinet, Jr., pointed out that there is \$2,500.00 still available which was set aside in 1946 by Contra Costa County for feeder trails and must be used up before more can be appropriated. It is up to Contra Costa County to get hold of the money and use it to a good advantage.

Date and place of the second meeting will be announced in a coming issue of the Trail Blazer.

MHA Directors and members attending the meeting were: Ted Dreyer, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Logue, Mr. and Mrs. Don Schwimley, Betty Chute, Don Marquis, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Paul, Mary Gale, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Fefley, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Richards, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Pray, James Ormond, Willis Nuttall, Mr. and Mrs. John Theil, Mary Lou Hutton, Elsa Himmelman, Geneva Menicucci, Don Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Simons, Mr. and Mrs. George Walling, and Sylvia King.

HORSES IN TRAINING

The Farshler Training Stable, owned by Earl R. Farshler, whose ad appears on page 6 of this issue, has the following horses in training at his stable:

Pandora's Supreme, a gaited stallion by Des Moines Supreme, owned by Hampton Ford of Oakland.

Montrose Currahead, gaited stallion by Adorable Devil, out of Modoc McDonald, owned by Mrs. Sam Malizia of San Francisco.

Thunder Cloud, a Thoroughbred race horse, owned by Mr. Sam Malizia of San Francisco.

A gaited Palomino stallion, owned by Loran Salmons, Pleasanton.

King Solomon, a gaited stallion sired by Mexico Admire, owned by L. C. Denehie Hayward. A Quarter horse owned by John Milton, Oakland.

A Standardbred Road horse and a Walk Trot belonging to T. C. Wood, Concord. A gaited stallion by King Solomon, owned by Harold Cummings, Oakland.

SADDLE SHOP MOVES

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Don and Dave are friendly people to deal with. They extend a cordial invitation to all riders to "drop in and browse around."

INTRODUCING NEVES' STABLES

One of our new advertisers, this month, is the Neves' Stables, located at Mountain Blvd., near Leona Park. (See ad on page 13). Upon receiving the welcomed ad, we were so surprised to learn about the existence of a stable in that area, that we immediately buzzed over to look around and get acquainted.

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